

Projects in the 2002-2006 Highway & Bridge Construction Schedule that have been Reprioritized RSMo 21.795.2(2)

Introduction

The information in this section is in accordance with the highlighted portion in the following section of the reporting statute. *"(2) A detailed explanation of the methods or criteria employed to select construction projects, **including a listing of any new or reprioritized projects not mentioned in a previous report, and an explanation as to how the new or reprioritized projects meet the selection methods or criteria; ...**"* Section 21.795.2(2), RSMo Supp. 2000(emphasis added).

This section identifies projects in the 2002-2006 Highway and Bridge Construction Schedule that are reprioritized in the **amended** 2002-2006 schedule. This affects the 2002 and 2003 years only.

Reprioritization occurred in the course of working with urban planning organizations, adjusting to unforeseen circumstances or amending schedules to accommodate changes in environmental review or right of way acquisition. With multi-year projects, reprioritization is a normal part of the construction process and reflects an effort to manage a schedule as efficiently as possible. Some project reprioritizations reflect MoDOT's change in focus from expansion to rehabilitation and reconstruction.

An explanation for the change in date is included with each project. Many of the projects are urban improvements authorized by the St. Louis and Kansas City metropolitan planning organizations that, along with MoDOT, approve highway and bridge construction in the two cities.

Of the other projects changed, nine were moved back one to two months. Twelve projects were advanced a year because greater needs for the improvements were identified.

The total number of state fiscal year 2002 and 2003 reprioritized (*delayed, accelerated and/or removed*) projects is 126, which represents 5 percent of the projects in the 2002-2006 schedule. This includes the delay of 43 projects listed as tentative bonding projects in the 2002-2006 schedule.